



Blood Clot Pulmonary Embolism Policy (BCPEP)

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 31, 2024
Time: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Location: AHCA Florida Center Conference Room

Members Present: Ali Ataya, M.D., Christopher Pittman, M.D., Leslie Lake, Giovanni Betta

Agency Staff Present: Jaime Bustos, Krischell Weston, Susan Slaphey, Nancy Tamariz

Meeting Materials: Copies of meeting materials are posted on: [Blood Clot and Pulmonary Embolism Policy Workgroup \(myflorida.com\)](https://myflorida.com/Blood-Clot-and-Pulmonary-Embolism-Policy-Workgroup)

Call to Order and Roll Call: Dr. Ataya called roll and welcomed everyone to the in-person meeting.

Action Items and Status Updates: The Agency has drafted some graphic designs that will be included in the BCPEP Policy Report. This includes the Risk Score Assessment Tool. The Agency has also lined up an in-house resource that will work to finalize a more polished format of the report. The members will have another opportunity to review the report before it is published.

BCPEP Policy Report Review: The members discussed their thoughts on updating the report recommendations in depth. Leslie Lake suggested maybe reorganizing the recommendations in the order of importance. Grouping the recommendations in buckets was also mentioned. Giovanni Betta believes placing them in categories of policy changes and budgetary or state funding would help differentiate the goal types. The group agrees the recommendation on surveillance should be listed first as the top priority. Dr. Pittman would like to ensure that the blood clot data is both collected and analyzed yearly.

Leslie Lake would like to incorporate educational resources from the Blood Clot Alliance in conjunction with the CDC into the recommendations.

The Workgroup discussed the rewording of recommendation 7. Members would like to see improvements in pre-discharge follow up care as well as post-discharge. There is a consensus that patients need to leave the hospital with education and awareness materials related to blood clots. The group agreed to create a separate recommendation for these patients.

Surveillance of at-risk patients during pregnancy and follow up care post delivery up to 12 weeks should be included in the language. This topic could be an additional recommendation in the report.



Public Comments:

Doug Atkins spoke to the group about obtaining the estimated cost to implement the project. He believes paraprofessionals and non licensed front line health workers should receive some training on VTE awareness. A potential tax credit could incentivize health care workers to complete the recommended trainings. There is a commitment to have a bill filed this session to move the recommendations of the Workgroup forward.

Dr. Cogle believes the Workgroup would be more likely to get a policy recommendation on maternal health actionable due to the current climate in the State.

Nancy Tamariz suggested adding blood clot recommendations to the standards of care and incorporating them into the Agency health care facility survey process. Including these standards could encourage providers to become compliant with the BCPEP Recommendations.

Tara Hylton with the Department of Health shared her experiences with the Florida Cancer and Stroke Registries. She believes the integration with the available DOH data would be beneficial for the efforts of the Workgroup. She also emphasized the need for policy and to be mindful of the importance of the technical terms used in the language.

Meeting Summary and Next Steps: The Workgroup will review the recommendations for the BCPEP Policy Report updates and complete their edits before the final meeting.

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With no further business to discuss, moved to adjourn, with no objections. The committee adjourned.